

William C. Collins, Mayor

Council Members:

Terry Jenkins, Mayor Pro Tem

Walter Bailey

Aaron Brown

Kima Garten-Schmidt

Bob Jackson

William McIntosh



Clerk-Treasurer

Lisa L. Wallace

Town Attorney

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Town of Summerville

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Bill Collins and Council members Walter Bailey, Aaron Brown, Bob Jackson, Kima Garten-Schmidt, Terry Jenkins and Bill McIntosh. Also present were Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services & Clerk-Treasurer, and G.W. Parker, Town Attorney. Members of the press and the public were duly notified of the meeting and were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Summerville Town Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Collins called for any comments from the public. Thadius Kciuck of 127 Avonshire Drive stated that he represents the residents who are against the Bear Island Road extension. He asked the residents to stand and show their support. He stated that he has made attempts to set up meetings to propose other solutions but has not gotten any feedback. He also reported that he was told that he could not be placed on the agenda or use the projector for this meeting adding that he was advised that he could speak about the road under public comments. Councilman Jenkins reported that he had made attempts to meet with the residents by responding to emails to Mr. Gonzalez and others but that no one responded. Elaine Segelken, a resident of Summerville since the early 1970s, stated that she is in support of the road project to help alleviate the severe traffic. Travis Pope stated that he does not want a road behind his house. Jeffrey Jones of 586 Delafield stated that he agrees that the traffic is terrible but does not agree that his neighborhood should be downgraded for the benefit of others. Wendy Jones, also of 586 Delafield, brought pictures of her grandchildren stating that they could be abducted or have an accident due to the road. Todd Pope of 358 Southport Drive stated that they do not need a racetrack running through their neighborhood. He added that the town should have reached out to the homeowners. State Representative Eddie Southard stated that his constituents asked him to come and speak and asked Council to consider an alternative route. Mr. McIntosh asked Representative Southard if he would be willing to set up a meeting between the Weatherstone residents and representatives of the town to discuss the road project and alternatives. Rep. Southard indicated that he would be willing to facilitate that meeting. Steve Blank of 211 Dovetail Circle and President of the property owners association, stated that he does not believe that he received any email regarding

the road project from the town or his representative because he would have certainly responded. He added that it was his understanding that the people who did receive an email reported that it was only to discuss alterations to the current plan and not to discuss alternate routes. Councilman Jenkins reported that the town is looking at the alternative routes. Trudy Hubert of 348 Southport Drive stated that the proposed road does not run through her back yard; however, the Sheep Island proposal will but she is against the Bear Island Road extension. She added that no one wants this 4-lane road next the park where children play. She also read in an article that the Bear Island extension would not alleviate much traffic. John Flow of Avonshire Drive reported that Bear Island Road extension will not alleviate traffic adding that he is in the telecommunications industry and created a website for the Weatherstone community and anyone can email him at ourweatherstone@gmail.com. Linda Jones added that the road will put all of the traffic through their neighborhood immediately not years down the road. Homer Gonzales of 164 Avonshire reported that he and the group he represents would only meet to discuss alternatives to the road; otherwise, it would be a waste of time. He also reported that when he asked the town engineer for the stormwater runoff survey that he was provided one from 2002 and was told that a new one has not yet been completed. He added that the road will cause extreme flooding after the loss of retention ponds and wetlands. Bob Wallbaum of 316 S. Pine Street reported that he had 20 inches of water in his home and asked about the possibility of cleaning out the ditch that runs through his property. David Kerr of Boy Scout Troop 737 thanked council for allowing them to observe the meeting this evening. John Pressley of Weatherstone expressed support for council stating that he trusts that councilmembers will make the right decision. Mac Baughman stated that he is a life-long resident and thanked council for the synchronization of the traffic lights and for being proactive in finding solutions for the traffic problems. Dex Badgett of Weatherstone said none of the 40,000 residents of Summerville would want a road to run through their neighborhood. Kathy Kcuick of 127 Avonshire stated that it is not that they don't want the road; they don't want the road running through their community. Brad Mallet thanked council and town staff for being supportive of him and his business and the community and thanked council for addressing the challenges facing the town. Robbie Robbins of Pine Forrest commended the Mayor and council for having the vision to develop the proposed traffic plan that will help the entire town and particularly thanked the Mayor for his leadership in pursuing the completion of the third phase of the Berlin G. Myers Parkway. Diane Frankenberger, a Summerville homeowner and business owner, said the town has prospered because of good leadership and the help of many organizations. William Harbeson of 403 W. 2nd South Street stated there are lumps in the asphalt where a waterline was recently put in and there are potholes that need to be patched. Adrian Kwist of 109 Reynolds Road said shame on the developers and real estate agents for not informing the homeowners of the planned road for the neighborhood. He asked councilmembers if they were a resident of the Weatherstone neighborhood if they would approve the proposed plan. There being no further comments, the Mayor declared the public comments portion of the meeting closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 council meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to approve the October 12, 2015 Finance Committee report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to accept the petition and have first reading of an ordinance to annex TMS # 232-00-02-052 owned by Marymeade Associates to be zoned B3 - General Business. The motion carried unanimously.

PENDING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to have second and final reading of an ordinance authorizing quit-claim deeds to adjacent property owners for portions of unimproved right-of-way on E. 2nd South Street. Mr. Jenkins recused himself citing a conflict of interest. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Jenkins abstaining.

Mayor Collins announced he would turn the gavel over to Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins and would recuse himself from voting on the next item on the agenda citing a conflict of interest. Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to have second and final reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 2-69 of the Code of Laws of the Town of Summerville by deleting Section (a) (2) relating to Mayor's compensation. The motion carried unanimously with Mayor Collins abstaining. Mayor Pro Tem Jenkins then returned the gavel to Mayor Collins.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to adopt a Resolution directing the Planning Commission to review and make recommendations for an amended capital improvements plan and revised impact fee ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown, to authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Charleston County for disaster debris removal. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Berkeley County for the planning and implementation of certain road projects. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Ms. Garten-Schmidt, to authorize the Mayor to execute a visitor center management agreement with the Summerville/Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with the First Circuit Public Defender to provide indigent legal representation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to authorize the Mayor to execute a memorandum of agreement with the S.C. Department of Transportation for disaster related debris removal. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. on motion of Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wallace, Director of Administrative Services
Clerk and Treasurer

APPROVED:

William C. Collins, Mayor